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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

DETAILED ACTION

Requirement for Information Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105

1. The following is a quotation of 37 C.F.R. 1.105:

(a)(1) In the course of examining or treating a matter in a pending or abandoned application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111 or 371 (including a reissue application), in a patent, or in a reexamination proceeding, the examiner or other Office employee may require the submission, from individuals identified under § 1.56(c), or any assignee, of such information as may be reasonably necessary to properly examine or treat the matter, for example: . . . (vii) In Use : Identification of any use of the claimed invention known to any of the inventors at the time the application was filed notwithstanding the date of the use . . . (viii) Technical information known to applicant . Technical information known to applicant concerning the related art, the disclosure, the claimed subject matter, other factual information pertinent to patentability, or concerning the accuracy of the examiner's stated interpretation of such items..

1. Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR § 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

2. The information is required to identify products and services embodying the disclosed subject matter of distributing inventory allotments among a plurality of tiers and identify the properties of similar products and services found in the prior art.

3. The website of assignee hotelexchange.com discloses the use of various inventory allotment products from Pelican Systems. (*Products*, <http://hotelexchange.com/products.html>, copy attached). Moreover, The Pelican System website also discloses Applicant's claimed inventory allotment invention as used in the "Pelican Hotel E-distribution system" (*Pelican System*, http://www.pelicansystem.com/news/20040205_004.html, copy attached). In order for

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the examiner to properly consider patentability of the claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a), additional information regarding this issue is required.

4. In response to this requirement, please (1) provide the citation and a copy of each publication which any of the applicants authored or co-authored and which describe the disclosed subject matter of distributing inventory allotments among a plurality of tiers; (2) provide the citation and copy of each publication that is a source used for the description of the prior art in the disclosure--for each publication, please provide a concise explanation of that publication's contribution to the description of the prior art; (3) provide the citation and a copy of each publication that any of the applicants relied upon to draft the claimed subject matter--for each publication, please provide a concise explanation of the reliance placed on that publication in distinguishing the claimed subject matter from the prior art; (4) provide the names of any products or services that have incorporated the claimed subject matter; and (5) state the specific improvements of the claimed subject matter in claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, 14-16, and 18-30 over the disclosed prior art and indicate the specific elements in the claimed subject matter that provide those improvements.

5. Applicant is reminded that failure to fully reply to this requirement for information will result in a holding of abandonment.

6. The fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR § 1.105 that are included in applicant's first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope

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of this requirement under 37 CFR § 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97.

7. In responding to those requirements that require copies of documents, where the document is a bound text or a single article over 50 pages, the requirement may be met by providing copies of those pages that provide the particular subject matter indicated in the requirement, or where subject matter is not indicated, the subject matter found in applicant's disclosure.

8. The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR § 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete response to the requirement for that item.

Conclusion

9. This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.134-36 and has a shortened statutory period for reply of 2 months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric Liou whose telephone number is (571)270-1359. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Hayes can be reached on 571-272-6708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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